

REPORT OF THE CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN.

The chapel for Roman Catholic worship in the Lunatic Asylum, is nearly as old as the establishment.

In 1852, seeing that the number of insane was daily increasing, I requested the then proprietors, Doctors G. Douglas, Frémont and Morrin, to place at my disposal one of the largest rooms in the institution, to erect an altar therein. These gentlemen not only granted me this favor, but kindly undertook to defray the expenses of an altar and ornaments.

Later on, a more spacious chapel was opened for worship and Dr. Douglas, when in Europe, purchased the picture which is now above the altar, two white marble medallions and the stations of the Cross *in relievo* at a cost of \$175. In 1864, the number of patients having still further increased, the number of attendants was nearly doubled; it was then decided by his Grace the Archbishop, that divine service should be solemnized both in the forenoon and afternoon on every Sunday and feasts of obligation. His Grace also authorized the keeping of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel, as well for the purpose of giving the Holy Viaticum to the patients when in a fit state to receive the same as of assisting the devotional exercises of the officers and domestics of the institution.

About this time, Mr. Vincelette having become warden of the Asylum, on certain fixed days, prayers were recited in the Chapel, and the stations of the Cross were held. This pious exercise has been faithfully carried on up to the present time. For many years past mass has been cele-